

Abstract of the Invention

The present invention provides processes to inhibit or reduce the growth of bacteria and other pathogens in a liquid by adding carbon dioxide (CO₂) to the liquid, and thermally inactivating the bacteria and other pathogens in the liquid, wherein the added CO₂ cooperates with the thermal inactivation process so that the efficacy of the thermal inactivation process is enhanced.

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